

canals, which will in turn make it possible to improve the living conditions and increase many times the production of the huge Thal valley.

At Peshawar in Pakistan, I met Mr. A.E. Palmer of Lethbridge, Alberta, who has been in Pakistan for about two years now, as the Director of the Provincial Agricultural Research Stations for the Northwest Frontier Province. He explained the work that is being done in that area and gave me quite an encouraging report. He said he was confident that through seed selection and improved methods the Pakistanis in that area will be able to double or even treble their yield of wheat and also diversify and increase the production of other crops.

In Peshawar I also met a Pakistani engineer who is in charge of the construction of the Warsak Dam project to which we are contributing. He showed me a model of the dam which is being built on the Kabul River not far from the famous Khyber Pass which we visited.

He and some of the Canadian engineers working on this project told me that a huge triangular area of over 93,000 acres will be reclaimed for agricultural purposes and that 155,000 kilowatts of electrical energy will be produced each year.

A project somewhat similar to the Warsak Dam in Pakistan and with similar aims is the Mayurakshi Dam in India.

Torontonians will be interested particularly in a contribution of \$4,500,000 to the Bombay State Transport system. This money was spent on buses and trucks, which were shipped from Canada and which were very badly needed to permit the economic system of the area to function better. Of course the citizens of Bombay still have a long way to go to attain the standard of the residents of this city who can boast of the first subway in Canada, and, I understand, one of the most modern in the world; but in Bombay, as in Toronto, improved transportation is as much needed and helpful contribution to greater economic efficiency.

I learned a great deal about the work which is being done in the very fertile, tropical island of Ceylon from another Canadian, Dr. G.P. McRostie, of the Ontario Agricultural College of Guelph. Dr. McRostie is the Acting Head of the Department of Agriculture at the University of Ceylon, and is in the process of setting up a fully modern department there, complete with the latest scientific equipment.

I mention only a few of the many projects which are being carried out in Southern Asia to help the peoples of that great sub-continent improve their living standards and achieve a more reasonable level of human welfare and decency.

I would not like you to get the impression that the Colombo Plan of itself will solve the problems of Asia. Far from it. Half of our total national budget spent in aid and assistance, if it could be properly spent that way, would not even scratch the surface. All these developmental projects are only a small addition to the